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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AEMR, CG, AO  
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 52 (MAY 5, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 52ND MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS  
FROM LUBUMBASHI.

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MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 041900Z MAY 77.  
NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS  
GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:  
A. BELGIAN STAFF OFFICER AT DDN ESTIMATES HOSTILE CASUALTIES  
FROM 1 MAY ACTION AT 20 KIA, 30 WIA.

B. NO HOSTILE ACTIVITY REPORTED BY DDN.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. TASK FORCE MUKOBO RESUMED ADVANCE ON KOLWEZI-DILOLO AXIS. OBJECTIVE FOR 4 MAY WAS HILL MASS/ROAD JUNCTION VICINITY TSHELEMESHA (1029S/2352E), SOME 16 KMS WEST OF MASOJI (1027S/2401E). DDN COULD NOT CONFIRM FAZ ARRIVAL AT OBJECTIVE, HOWEVER, INDICATIONS WERE NO HOSTILE ACTION OPPOSED THE ADVANCE.

B. NO CHANGE IN VUADI BATTALION SECTOR. CONTRARY TO PARA 3F, SITREP 51, LTC VUADI CONTINUES TO COMMAND BATTALION VICINITY KWANDA (0934S/2409E). MAJ ZUYA APPARENTLY WILL BE A STAFF OFFICER ON COL. DIKUTA'S STAFF. THE THREE COMPANIES (PARA 3B, SITREP 50) ATTACHED TO VUADI BATTALION NOW WILL FORM A SEPARATE BATTALION AND PUSH FORWARD OF THE VUADI BATTALION. COMMAND OF THIS BATTALION NOT YET ANNOUNCED.

C. FAZ FORCES ARE ADVANCING SOUTHWARD FROM KASAI-SHABA BORDER AREA. APPROX LOCATIONS OF FAZ ELEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) ONE COMPANY AT MALAJI (0800S/2200E).
- 2) ONE COMPANY AT TSHICUKU (0808S/2227E)
- 3) ONE COMPANY AT TEMBO (0807S/2245E).
- 4) ONE COMPANY AT ROAD JUNCTION VICINITY 0802S/2302E
- 5) ONE COMPANY AT KAMWANGA (0931S/2321E)

(NOTE: THESE TOWN NAMES MAY NOT APPEAR ON JOG SERIES MAPS. THEY ARE THE NAMES USED BY DDN.)

D. FIVE ADDITIONAL FAZ BODIES WERE RECOVERED FROM 1 MAY ACTION BRINGING FAZ CASUALTIES TO 12 KIA/30 WIA.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES:

A. ONE MOROCCAN SOLDIER REPORTED WIA FROM 1 MAY ACTION DIED. CONFIDENTIAL

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REVISED CASUALTIES ARE 5 KIA/13 WIA.

B. MOROCCAN FORCES ALSO HAD ONE JEEP, AND ONE TRUCK DESTROYED AND TWO JEEPS CAPTURED IN 1 MAY ACTION.

5. AIR:

A. NO RECON OR TACAIR RESULTS REPORTED BY DDN.

B. THREE FAZA C-130'S OPERATIONAL. ONE ADDITIONAL C-130 IN PHASE INSPECTION SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL LATE 5 MAY OR 6 MAY.

C. THERE ARE NOW 2 EGYPTIAN AN-12 AIRCRAFT ASSISTING FAZA IN SUPPLY TRANSPORT.

D. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS 32 TONS OF RATIONS ARRIVED KINSHASA AIRPORT FROM THE IVORY COAST THE EVENING OF 3 MAY. LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTS A SECOND LOT OF 30 TONS OF RATIONS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM FRG WILL BE DELIVERED TO SHABA ON 5 MAY.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS: ARREST OF SEVEN FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN SHABA, CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY ENTERING COUNTRY, HAVING HAD CONTACTS WITH MPLA AND ACCUSED OF BEING SUSPECTED SPIES, DOMINATES KINSHASA MEDIA MAY 5. JOURNALISTS SCHEDULED TO BE PRESENTED TO NATIONAL,

INTERNATIONAL PRESS AS WELL AS THEIR RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS WITH THEIR FILMS MAY 6. NO OTHER SHABA OPERATIONAL NEWS. "ELIMA" SUPPORTS SENEGAL'S ATTACK AGAINST SOVIET EXPANSIONISM IN AFRICA, NOTING THAT THE USSR CONTINUES TO SHOW "A DIABOLICAL CYNICISM AND APPEARS DETERMINED TO PURSUE ITS ENTERPRISE OF 'IDEOLOGICAL RECOLONIZATION' OF AFRICA." MEDIA COMMENTARY SAYS ARRESTED JOURNALISTS WOULD HAVE BEEN SHOT AS MERCENARIES IF MOBUTU HADN'T BEEN AT THE FRONT AND ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE FACTS OF THE MATTER. ZAIRE PRESS AGENCY (AZAP) EDITORIAL HARPS ON DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS SCORED BY ZAIRE IN ROUNDING UP INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT WHILE "SALONGO" EDITORIAL ONCE AGAIN RIPS INTO CASTRO FOR CUB'S ROLE IN THE INVASION.

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

B. LUBUMBASHI: BUSINESS AS USUAL.

C. KOLWEZI:

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1) ATMOSPHERE IN KOLWEZI THROUGH MORNING OF MAY 4 SOMEWHAT MORE RELAXED THAN DURING PREVIOUS WEEKS. MOROCCAN TROOPS DRIVING NEW LAND ROVERS COULD BE SEEN ALL OVER TOWN. FAZ PRESENCE SLIGHTLY INCREASED OVER TWO WEEKS AGO, BUT MUCH LESS OBTRUSIVE THAN A MONTH AGO WHEN CITY THOUGHT TO BE ENDANGERED BY INVADERS. ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU MAY 4 A.M. ONCE AGAIN TIED UP LEADING OFFICIALS AND CIVIC LEADERS, BY NOW A FAMILIAR AND UNWANTED ROUTINE (ABOUT SIX TIMES IN 12 DAYS). REGISTER OF IMPALA MOTEL, KOLWEZI'S LEADING BEST LODGING, SHOWED DEPARTURE OF THREE UGANDAN MILITARY ADVISORS MAY 2. INSPECTION OF AIRPORT MAY 3 P.M. SHOWED FIVE MACCHI, ONE MOROCCAN C-130, GCM HELICOPTER, AND UNUSUALLY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CESSNA AND OTHER SMALL AIRCRAFT.

2) FAZ BEATING AND KILLING OF GECAMINES ITALIAN ENGINEER EVENING OF MAY 4 INCREASED TENSION AMONG EUROPEAN POPULATION WHO THREATENED SIT-DOWN STRIKE AT GECAMINES FOR MAY 5 TO PROTEST EXCESS NUMBER OF FAZ BARRICADES IN TOWN. ITALIAN ENGINEER VICTORIO BRUSTO, APPARENTLY HIT SOLDIER WHO STEPPED OUT IN FRONT OF CAR AT UNNOTICED BARRICADE. ACCOMPANYING SWISS DOCTOR TOOK INJURED SOLDIER TO HOSPITAL AND LATER SAME EVENING IDENTIFIED BADLY BEATEN UP CORPSE AS THAT OF HIS ITALIAN FRIEND WHO APPARENTLY SUFFERED THE VENGEANCE OF FAZ.

D. KAMINA: SITUATION REPORTEDLY BECOMING QUIETER EVERY DAY.

8. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: KINSHASA PRESS (MAY 5) NOTES BRIEFLY THAT NIGERIAN FOMIN JOSEPH GARBA ARRIVED IN KINSHASA MAY 4 EN ROUTE FROM LUANDA TO SHABA WHERE MOBUTU IS PRESENTLY. FOMIN GARBA MADE NO STATEMENT TO PRESS.

9. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: STILL NO NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES IN OCCUPIED AREAS.

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